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The U. S. Commissioner of Education has approved the award of five National Defense Graduate Fellowships to Montana State University, to begin with the 1964-65 school year, Dr. Frank C. Abbott, academic vice president, announced.

Three of the fellowships were allocated to the Zoology Department and two to the Psychology Department, Dr. Abbott reports. The Zoology Department has received 10 previous NDG fellowships. The two in psychology will be the first in that department because the state board of regents authorized the Ph. D. in psychology at MSU only last May, he explained.

Dr. Abbott noted that MSU's doctoral programs in geology, microbiology, zoology and psychology have received approval from the Office of Education for participation in the fellowship grants. The grants themselves were authorized by the National Defense Education Act of 1958.

A NDG fellowship carries its recipient through a three-year graduate program leading to the Ph. D. degree, providing a stipend of \$2,000 the first year, \$2,200 the second year and \$2,400 the third year. An annual allowance of \$400 is given for each dependent.

The University receives an accompanying grant to pay for the school's cost of educating fellowship holders, which enables MSU to grant fee waivers to NDG fellows.

While working for a doctorate, the NDG fellow may be engaged part of the time in research projects under way in his department. Although research assignments must be made on the basis of the NDG fellow's field of specialization, the department heads concerned indicated that several areas of research will be open to fellowship holders.

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Candidates for the fellowships should apply to the MSU Graduate School, according to Dr. Abbott. The University will submit a list of applicants to the Commissioner, who will make the final selection. Application forms are now available at the MSU Graduate School.

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